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1. WYATT LAST SAW MRS. DORTZBACH ON 1 JUNE PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE ON FOOT FOR GHINDA. HE STATES THAT SHE IS WELL PHYSICALLY, MENTALLY AND SPIRITUALLY. THE ELF BAND THAT HELD THEM DID NOT ALLOW THEM TO TALK TO EACH OTHER, BUT THAT THEY WERE WELL TREATED. THEY BOILED DRINKING WATER FOR MRS. DORTZBACH. WHEN SHE WAS KIDNAPPED SHE WAS WEARING FORM OF SUPPORT HOSE, BUT FOUND IT UNNECESSARY LATER IN THE WEEK. WYATT ALSO REPORTED THAT WHEN HE RETURNED ON 31 MAY SHE WAS PLAYING WITH CHILDREN FROM VILLAGE. HE BELIEVES SHE WAS LOCATED ABOUT 20 KLMS EAST OF KEREN ON 1 JUNE.

2. THE TWO NURSES WERE KIDNAPPED AS PART OF EFFORT BY ELF TO GET DOCTORS TO ANALYZE WATER SAID TO BE POISONED BY ELF. APPROX 250 PEOPLE DIED IN AREA NE OF GHINDA FROM WHAT IEG PUBLIC HEALTH DESCRIBED AS UNIDENTIFIED EPIDEMIC
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BUT OTHER SOURCES INDICATE CHOLERA. PUBLIC HEALTH

GAVE INNOCULATIONS FOR CHOLERA IN AREA ACCORDING TO MISSIONARIES. ANOTHER SOURCE REPORTS THAT SECRET SECURITY ELEMENT FROM ADDIS VISITED AREA AND POISONED WELLS AND STREAMS. THIS WAS DONE WITHOUT COOPERATION AND MAYBE KNOWLEDGE OF 2ND DIVISION. SAME SOURCE REPORTS THAT 3 WEEKS AGO 3 SECOND DIVISION OFFICERS STATIONED NEAR GHINDA WERE KIDNAPPED, MADE TO DRINK THE WATER AND DIED.

3. THE MISSIONARIES THINK THE ELF MAY STILL WANT A DOCTOR FOR THE ABOVE PURPOSE. IF THEY ARE ASSURED OF THIS, THEY WILL TRY TO ARRANGE A SWAP. I BELIEVE THEY WILL ALSO GIVE THE ELF MEDICINES IN EXCHANGE FOR MRS. DORTZBACH. THE GROUP HOLDING MRS. DORTZBACH INSISTS THAT IBRAHIM IL MORGHANY IS THEIR OFFICIAL CONTACT. WYATT REPORTS THAT THEY CHEERED AT NEWS REPORTS IDENTIFYING THEM AS ELF BY NAME. WYATT DID NOT KNOW OF DEATH OF MS. STIKWERDA UNTIL HE RETURNED ASMARA.

4. PARA ONE ABOVE FOR PUBLIC DISSEMINATION AS REQUIRED.
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